

House File 2225 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing state grants equitable distribution
2 requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8.10, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Monitor compliance with the state grants
4 equitable distribution requirements established in section
5 8.12.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 8.12 State grants — equitable
7 distribution requirements.

8 1. In addition to the function of developing and
9 administering a system to track, identify, advocate for, and
10 coordinate nonstate grants as provided in section 8.9, the
11 office shall develop and administer a system for monitoring
12 compliance with the state grants equitable distribution
13 requirements specified in subsection 2.

14 2. *a.* To the extent possible and consistent with the
15 objective, nature, and scope of a particular grant, each
16 state agency, as defined in section 8.11, that administers a
17 nonfederal, discretionary state grant program or fund shall
18 ensure that grants are distributed equitably on the basis
19 of population across the state. An equitable distribution
20 shall be considered to be achieved by distributing grant funds
21 equally per state congressional district over the course of
22 an ongoing three-year period. Grant programs which by their
23 nature are restricted to or focused on a more localized scope
24 of distribution shall be exempt from this requirement.

25 *b.* The facilitator shall develop a system for obtaining and
26 tracking state agency reporting on an annual basis regarding
27 the extent to which an equitable distribution has been achieved
28 for grant programs to which the equitable distribution
29 requirements are applicable. The facilitator shall submit a
30 report by January 1 annually to the general assembly regarding
31 compliance with the requirements.

32 Sec. 3. STATE GRANTS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION STUDY. The
33 office of grants enterprise management established in section
34 8.9 shall conduct a study regarding the extent to which
35 nonfederal, discretionary state grants have been distributed

1 equitably from the standpoint of population across the state.
2 The study shall analyze the distribution of grant funds for
3 grant programs which by their nature have been or could have
4 been distributed partially or completely statewide over the
5 preceding ten-year period. The office shall complete the study
6 and submit a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2017.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill establishes state grant equitable distribution
11 requirements and requires a state grant equitable distribution
12 study to be conducted.

13 The bill provides that in addition to its functions relating
14 to nonstate grants, the office of enterprise management shall
15 develop and administer a system for monitoring compliance with
16 state grant equitable distribution requirements.

17 The bill provides that to the extent possible and consistent
18 with the objective, nature, and scope of a particular grant,
19 each state agency that administers a nonfederal, discretionary
20 state grant program or fund shall ensure that grants are
21 distributed equitably on the basis of population across the
22 state. An equitable distribution shall be considered to
23 be achieved by distributing grant funds equally per state
24 congressional district over the course of an ongoing three-year
25 period. The bill exempts grant programs which by their nature
26 are restricted to or focused on a more localized scope of
27 distribution.

28 The bill directs the facilitator of the office to obtain
29 and track annual reports from agencies regarding the extent to
30 which an equitable distribution has been achieved for grant
31 programs to which the equitable distribution requirements are
32 applicable. The facilitator is required to submit a report by
33 January 1 annually to the general assembly regarding compliance
34 with the requirements.

35 Additionally, the bill directs the office to conduct a study

1 regarding the extent to which nonfederal, discretionary state
2 grants have been or could have been distributed equitably
3 from the standpoint of population across the state over the
4 preceding 10-year period. The office shall complete the study
5 and submit a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2017.